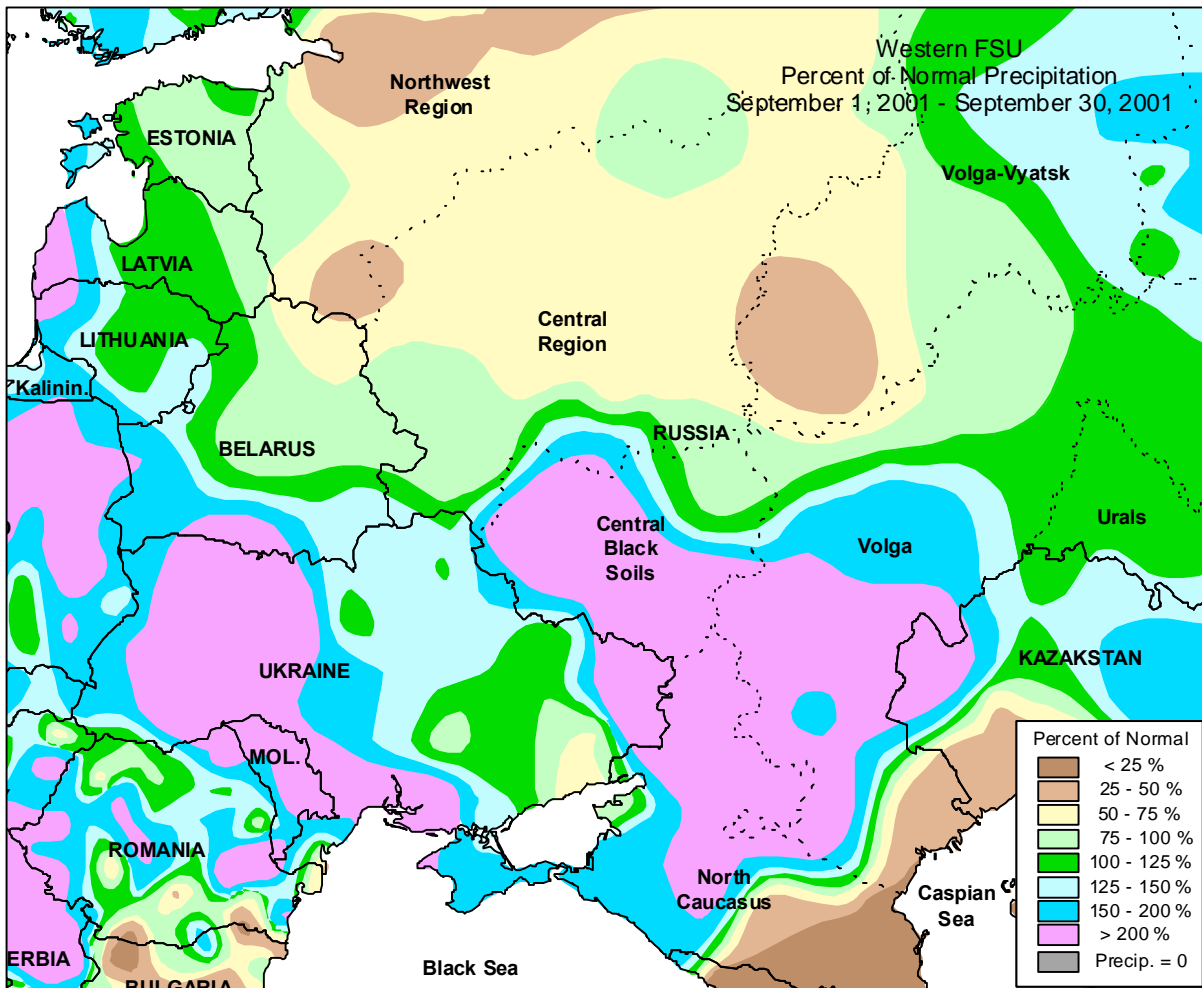


FORMER SOVIET UNION (WESTERN)

Percent of Normal Precipitation for September 2001



WEATHER AND CROP HIGHLIGHTS

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- o In September, above-normal precipitation fell from Ukraine eastward into southern Russia, providing generous topsoil moisture for winter wheat emergence. However, there was a period of dry weather from September 15-27 that favored fieldwork for summer crop harvesting and winter wheat planting.
- o Although below-normal precipitation was observed in most of northern Russia, light showers helped to maintain adequate soil moisture levels for winter grain establishment.
- o In major spring wheat producing areas of Russia and Kazakhstan, a period of dry weather during the middle of September helped harvest activities.